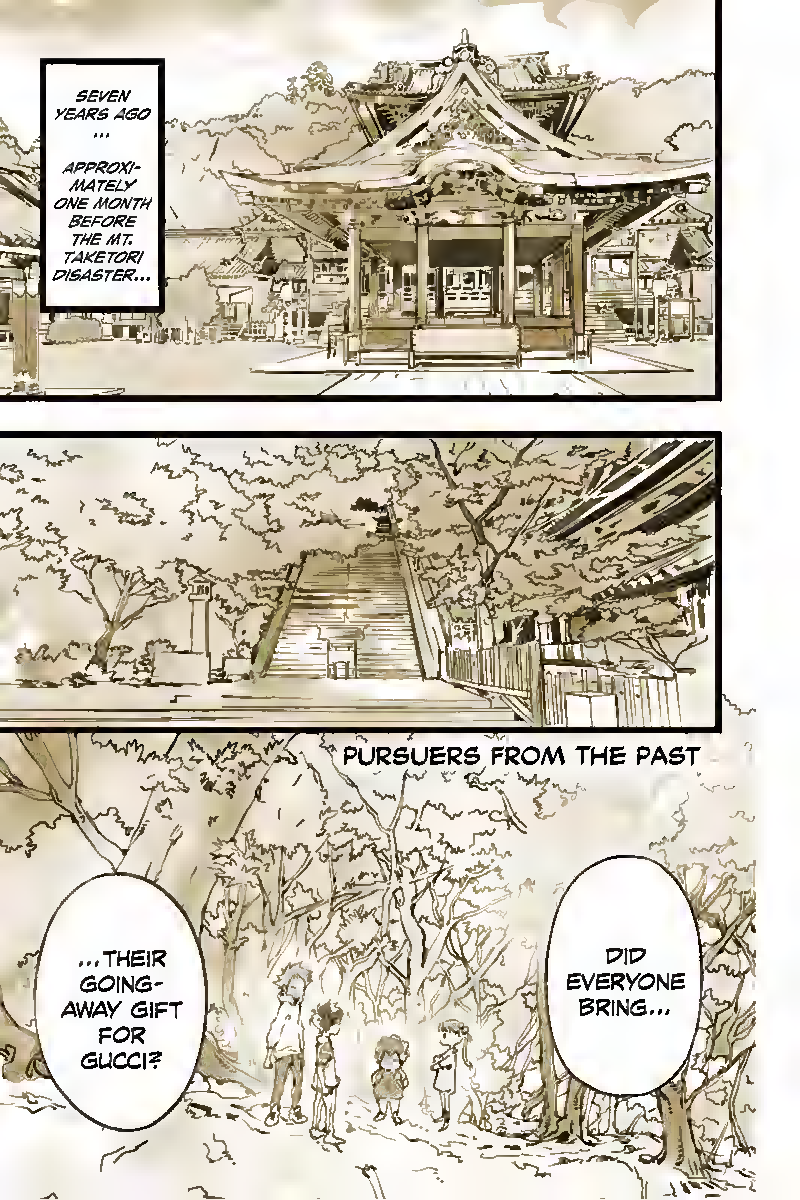
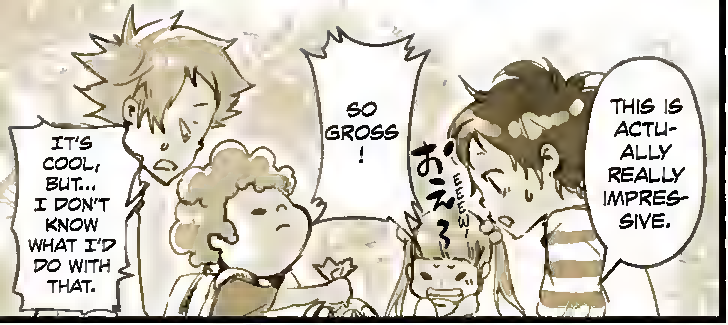
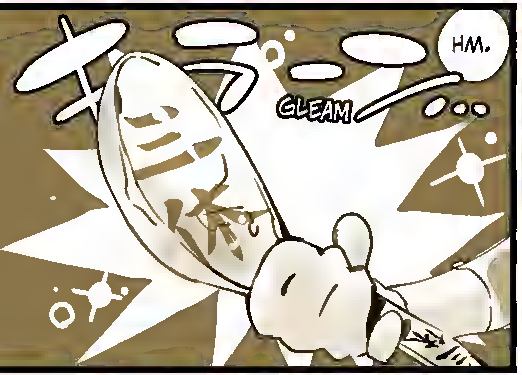
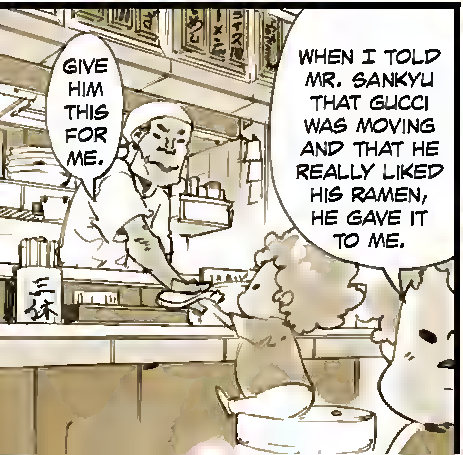

SEVEN YEARS AGO ...
APPROXI-MATELY ONE MONTH BEFORE THE MT. TAKETORI DISASTER...
PURSUERS FROM THE PAST
DID EVERYONE BRING...
...THEIR GOING-AWAY GIFT FOR GUCCI?

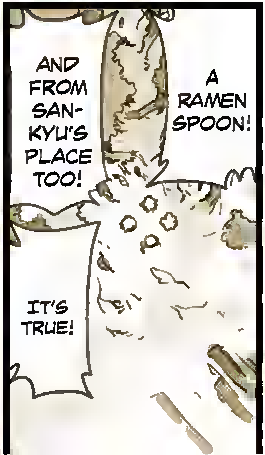
HM.
I DID!
WHAT ABOUT YOU, CHUTA?
OF COURSE I DID.
HEH HEH HEH...
GO ME!
IS YOURS IN THAT BAG, MATSU-TARO?
YEP. BUT I DON'T KNOW IF HE'LL LIKE IT.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. SHOW US!
THEY'RE CICADA SHELLS.
EEK!
WHOA!
SKRNCH

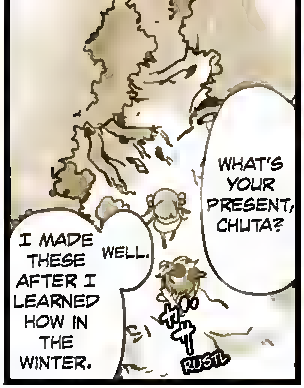


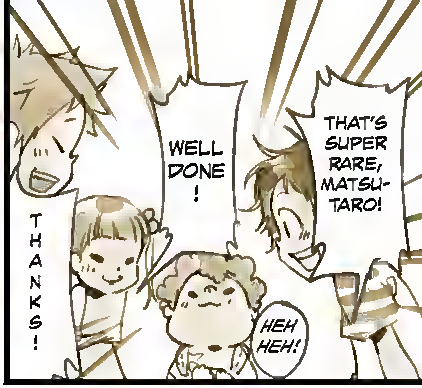


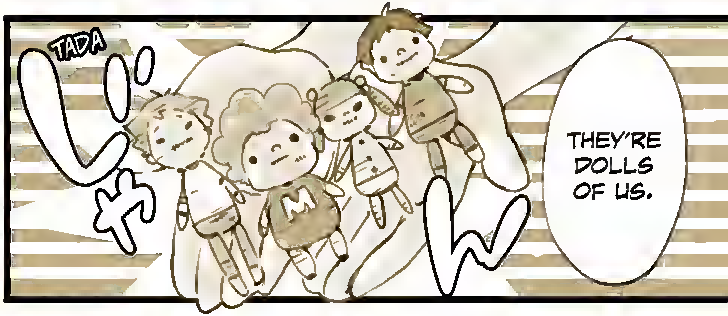
*SPOON: SANKYU






I MADE THESE AFTER I LEARNED HOW IN THE WINTER.
WELL.
WHAT'S YOUR PRESENT, CHUTA?
RUSTL


THANKS!
WELL DONE!
THAT'S SUPER RARE, MATSU-TARO!
HEH HEH!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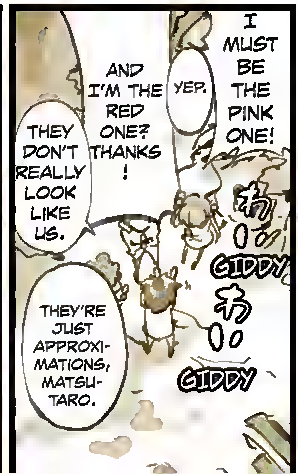
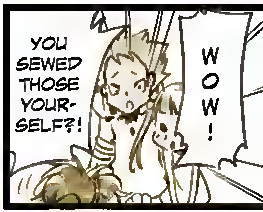
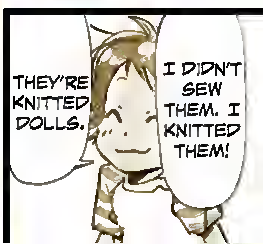
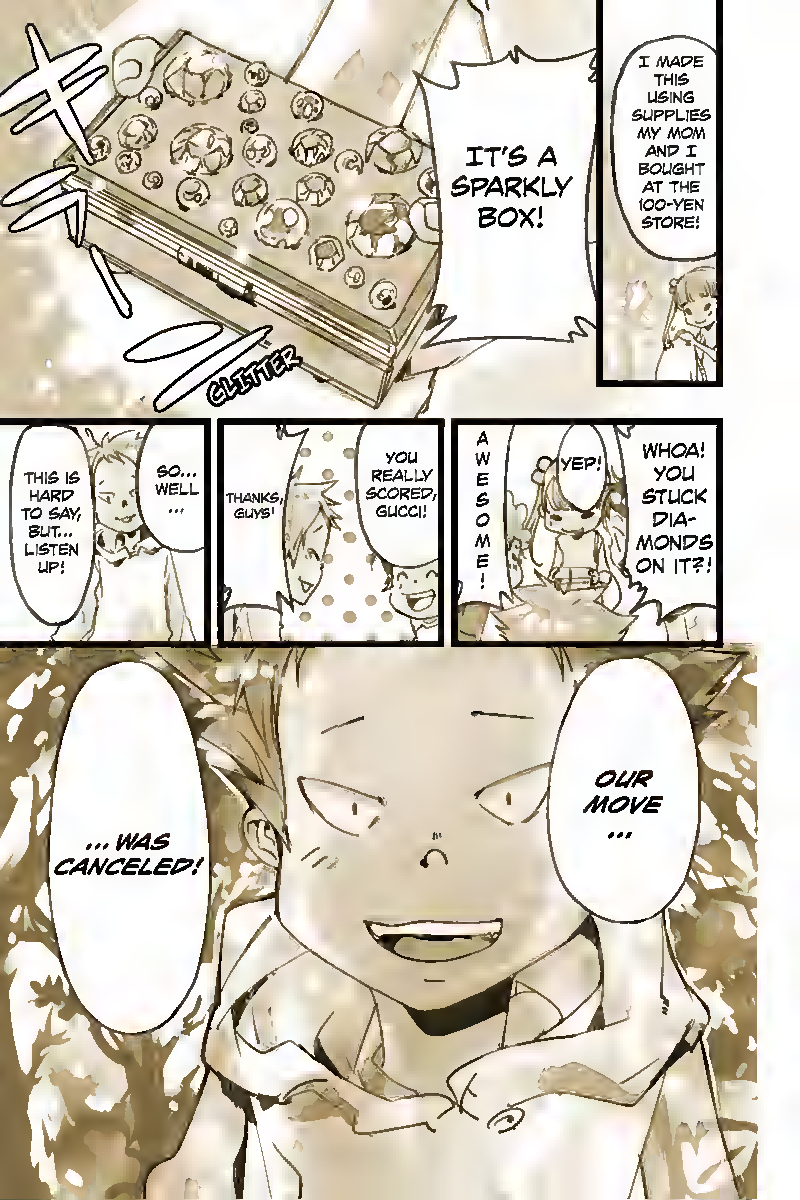
THEY'RE DOLLS OF US.

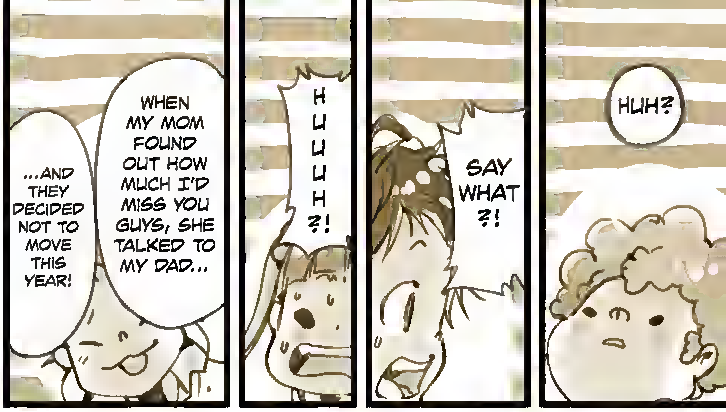
YOUR TURN, MICHIYO.
OKAY!

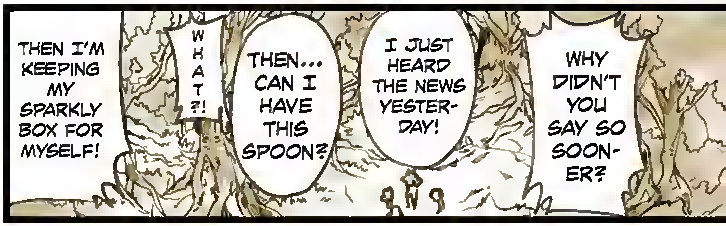

I MUST BE THE PINK ONE!
YEP.
AND I'M THE RED ONE? THANKS!
THEY DON'T REALLY LOOK LIKE US.
THEY'RE JUST APPROXI-MATIONS, MATSU-TARO.
GIDDY
GIDDY

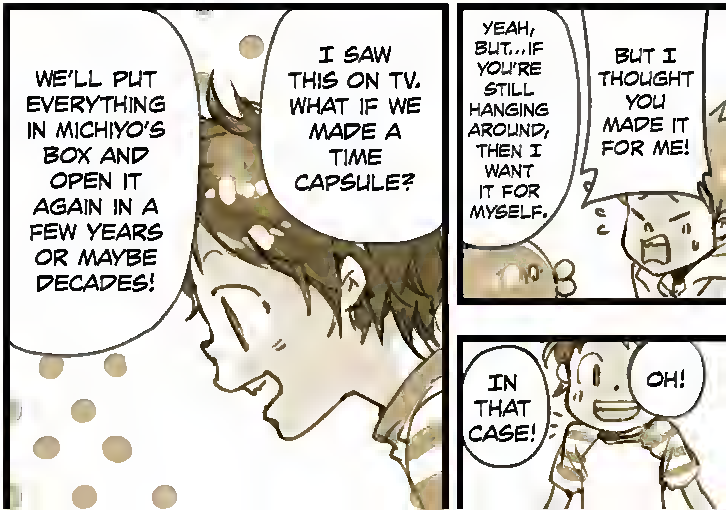

WOW!
YOU SEWED THOSE YOUR-SELF?!

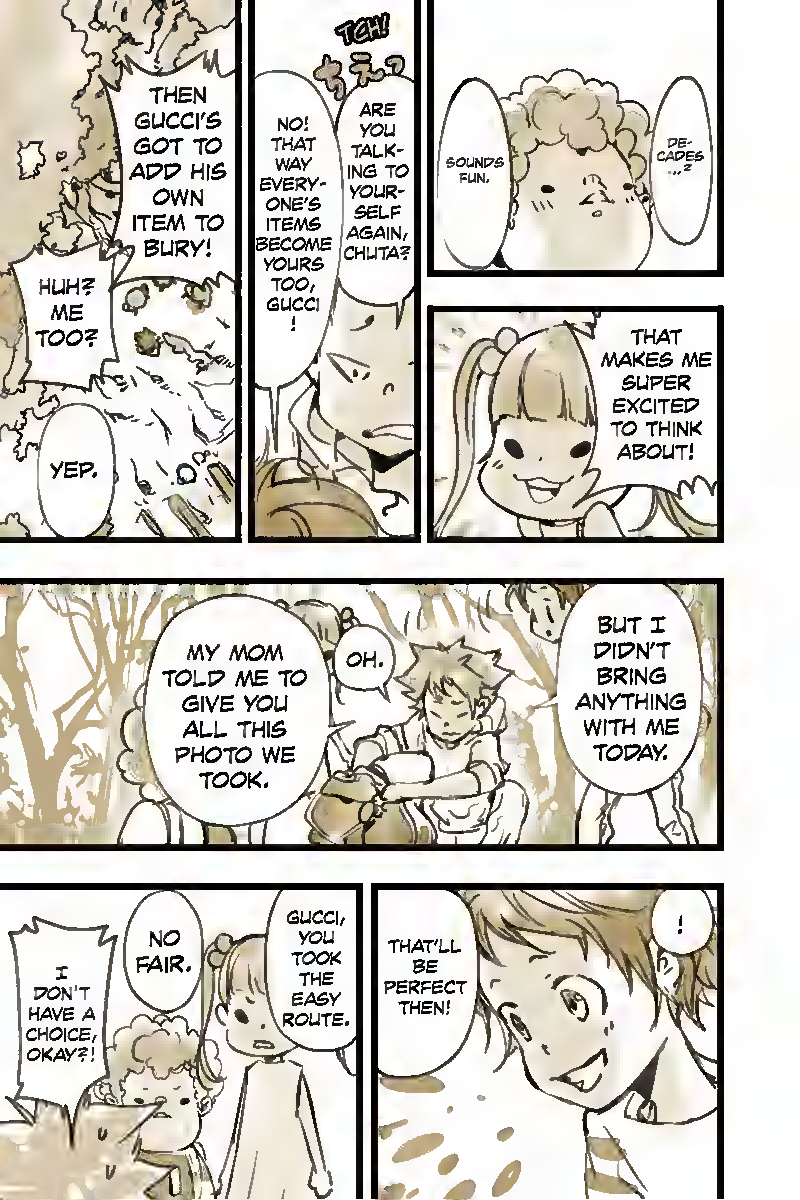

I DIDN'T SEW THEM. I KNITTED THEM!
THEY'RE KNITTED DOLLS.

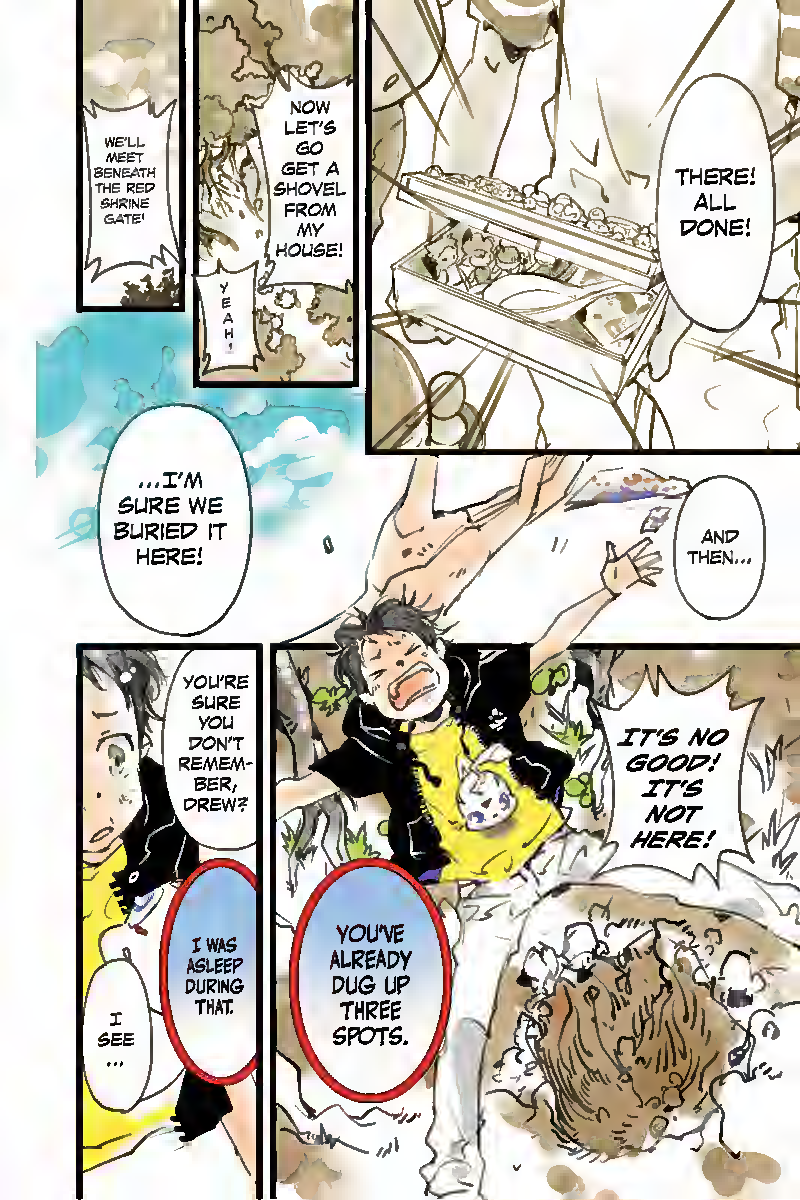

I MADE THIS USING SUPPLIES MY MOM AND I BOUGHT AT THE 100-YEN STORE!
IT'S A SPARKLY BOX!
GLITTER
WHOA! YOU STUCK DIA-MONDS ON IT?!
YEP!
AWESOME!
YOU REALLY SCORED, GUCCI!
THANKS, GUYS!
SO... WELL ...
THIS IS HARD TO SAY, BUT... LISTEN UP!
OUR MOVE ...
... WAS CANCELED!

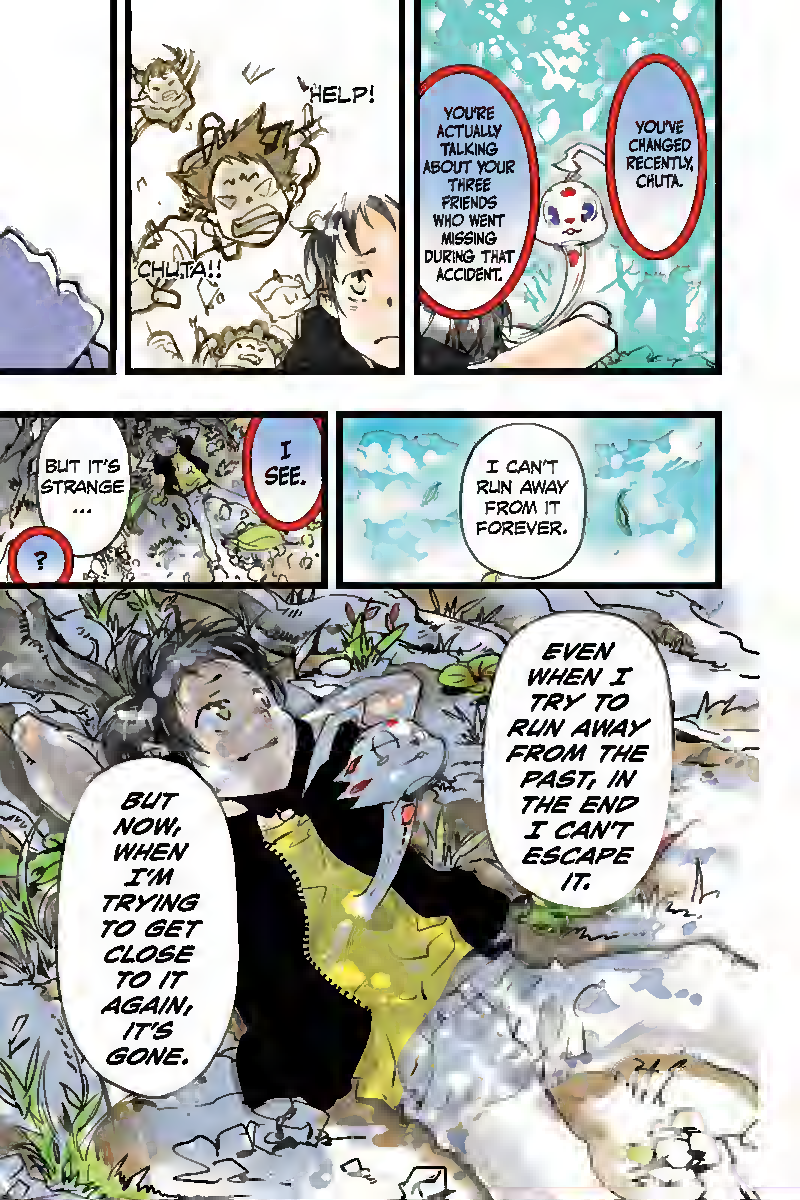

HUH?
SAY WHAT?!
HUUUUH?!
WHEN MY MOM FOUND OUT HOW MUCH I'D MISS YOU GUYS, SHE TALKED TO MY DAD...
...AND THEY DECIDED NOT TO MOVE THIS YEAR!


WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO SOONER?
I JUST HEARD THE NEWS YESTERDAY!
THEN... CAN I HAVE THIS SPOON?
WHAT?!
THEN I'M KEEPING MY SPARKLY BOX FOR MYSELF!

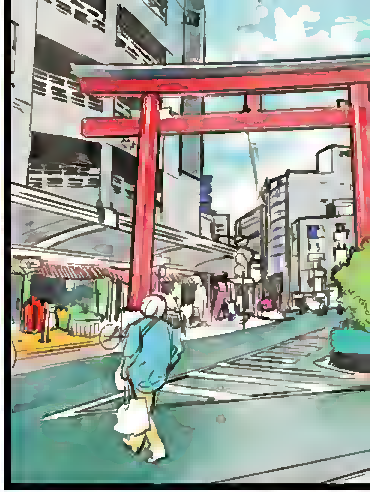

BUT I THOUGHT YOU MADE IT FOR ME!
YEAH, BUT...IF YOU'RE STILL HANGING AROUND, THEN I WANT IT FOR MYSELF.
OH!
IN THAT CASE!
I SAW THIS ON TV. WHAT IF WE MADE A TIME CAPSULE?
WE'LL PUT EVERYTHING IN MICHIYO'S BOX AND OPEN IT AGAIN IN A FEW YEARS OR MAYBE DECADES!

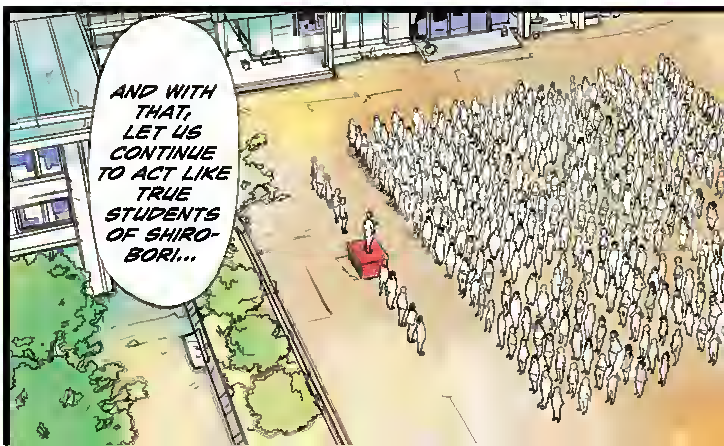

THEN GUCCI'S GOT TO ADD HIS OWN ITEM TO BURY!
HUH? ME TOO?
YEP.
TCH!
NO! THAT WAY EVERY-ONE'S ITEMS BECOME YOURS TOO, GUCCI!
ARE YOU TALK-ING TO YOUR-SELF AGAIN, CHUTA?
SOUNDS FUN.
DE-CADES...?
THAT MAKES ME SUPER EXCITED TO THINK ABOUT!
MY MOM TOLD ME TO GIVE YOU ALL THIS PHOTO WE TOOK.
OH.
BUT I DIDN'T BRING ANYTHING WITH ME TODAY.
I DON'T HAVE A CHOICE, OKAY?!
NO FAIR.
GUCCI, YOU TOOK THE EASY ROUTE.
THAT'LL BE PERFECT THEN!
!

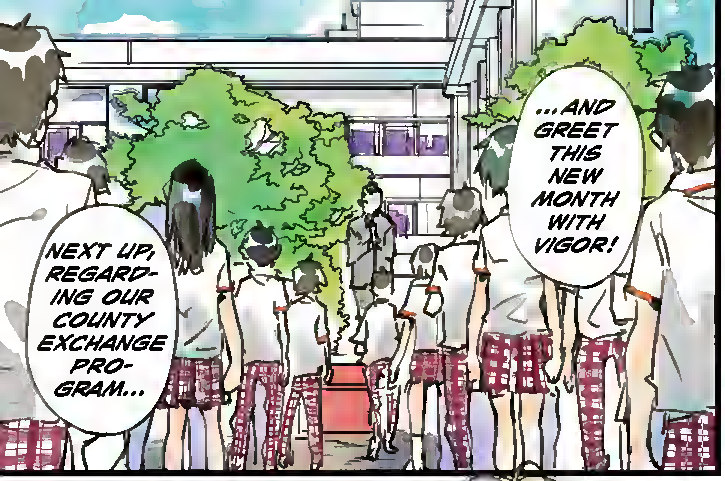

WE'LL MEET BENEATH THE RED SHRINE GATE!
NOW LET'S GO GET A SHOVEL FROM MY HOUSE!
YEAH!
THERE! ALL DONE!
...I'M SURE WE BURIED IT HERE!
AND THEN...
YOU'RE SURE YOU DON'T REMEMBER, DREW?
I WAS ASLEEP DURING THAT.
I SEE ...
YOU'VE ALREADY DUG UP THREE SPOTS.
IT'S NO GOOD! IT'S NOT HERE!

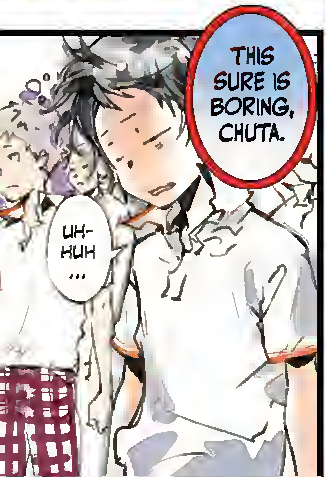

HELP!
CHUTA!!
YOU'RE ACTUALLY TALKING ABOUT YOUR THREE FRIENDS WHO WENT MISSING DURING THAT ACCIDENT.
YOU'VE CHANGED RECENTLY, CHUTA.
I SEE.
BUT IT'S STRANGE ...
?
I CAN'T RUN AWAY FROM IT FOREVER.
EVEN WHEN I TRY TO RUN AWAY FROM THE PAST, IN THE END I CAN'T ESCAPE IT.
BUT NOW, WHEN I'M TRYING TO GET CLOSE TO IT AGAIN, IT'S GONE.

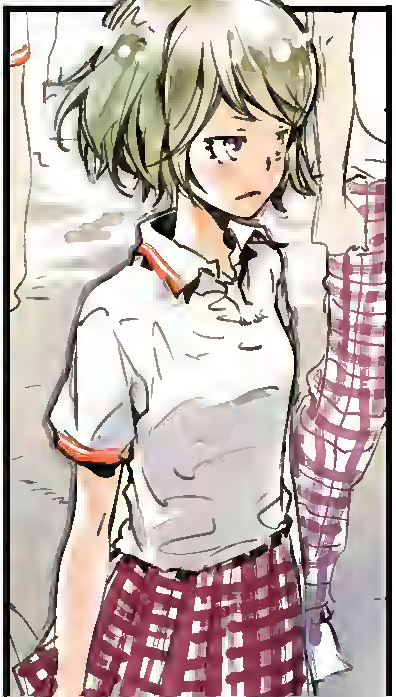
PURSUERS FROM THE PAST

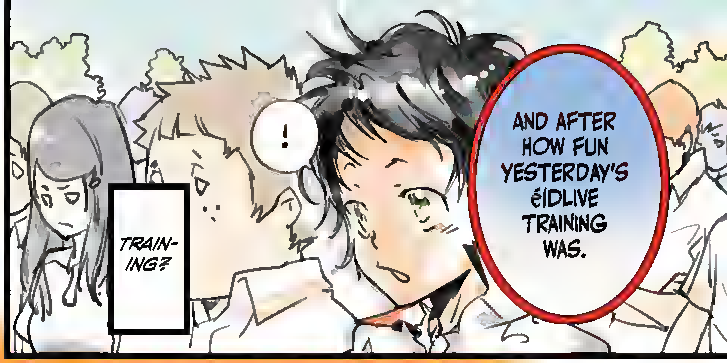


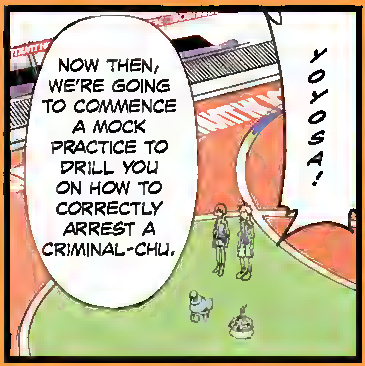

AND WITH THAT, LET US CONTINUE TO ACT LIKE TRUE STUDENTS OF SHIRO-BORI...

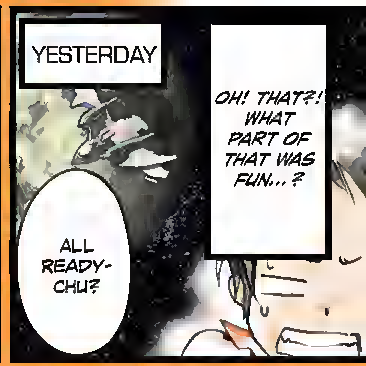

...AND GREET THIS NEW MONTH WITH VIGOR!
NEXT UP, REGARDING OUR COUNTY EXCHANGE PROGRAM...

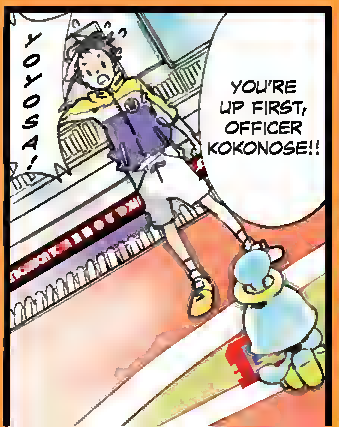

THIS SURE IS BORING, CHUTA.
UH-HUH...

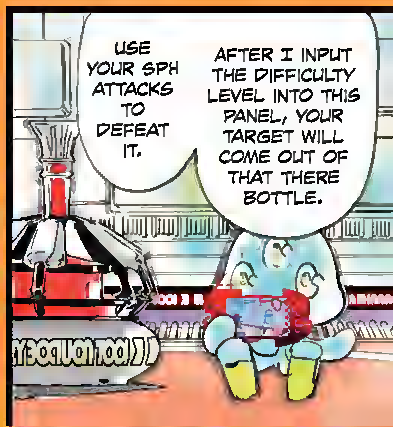


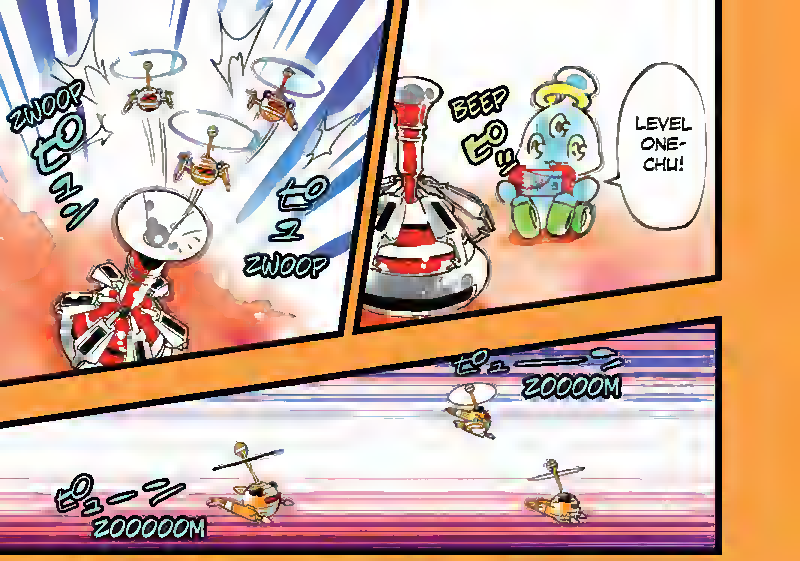

AND AFTER HOW FUN YESTERDAY'S éIDLIVE TRAINING WAS.
!
TRAIN-ING?

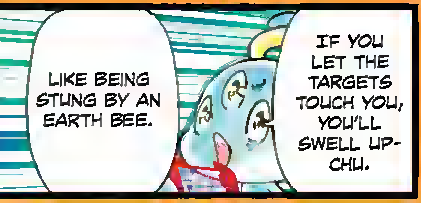

YOYOSA!
NOW THEN, WE'RE GOING TO COMMENCE A MOCK PRACTICE TO DRILL YOU ON HOW TO CORRECTLY ARREST A CRIMINAL-CHU.

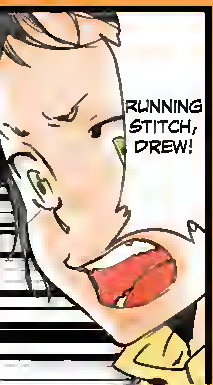

YESTERDAY
OH! THAT?! WHAT PART OF THAT WAS FUN...?
ALL READY-CHU?


YOYOSA!
YOU'RE UP FIRST, OFFICER KOKONOSE!!

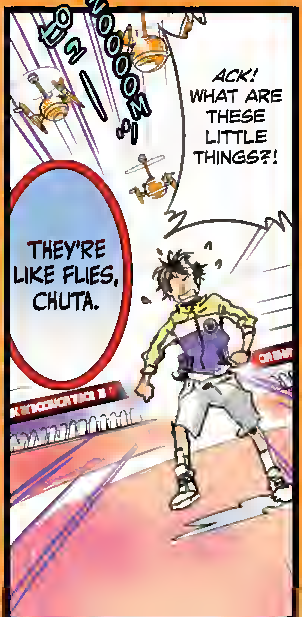

USE YOUR SPH ATTACKS TO DEFEAT IT.
AFTER I INPUT THE DIFFICULTY LEVEL INTO THIS PANEL, YOUR TARGET WILL COME OUT OF THAT THERE BOTTLE.


ZWOOP
ZWOOP
BEEP
LEVEL ONE-CHU!
ZOOOOM
ZOOOOM


LIKE BEING STUNG BY AN EARTH BEE.
IF YOU LET THE TARGETS TOUCH YOU, YOU'LL SWELL UP-CHU.

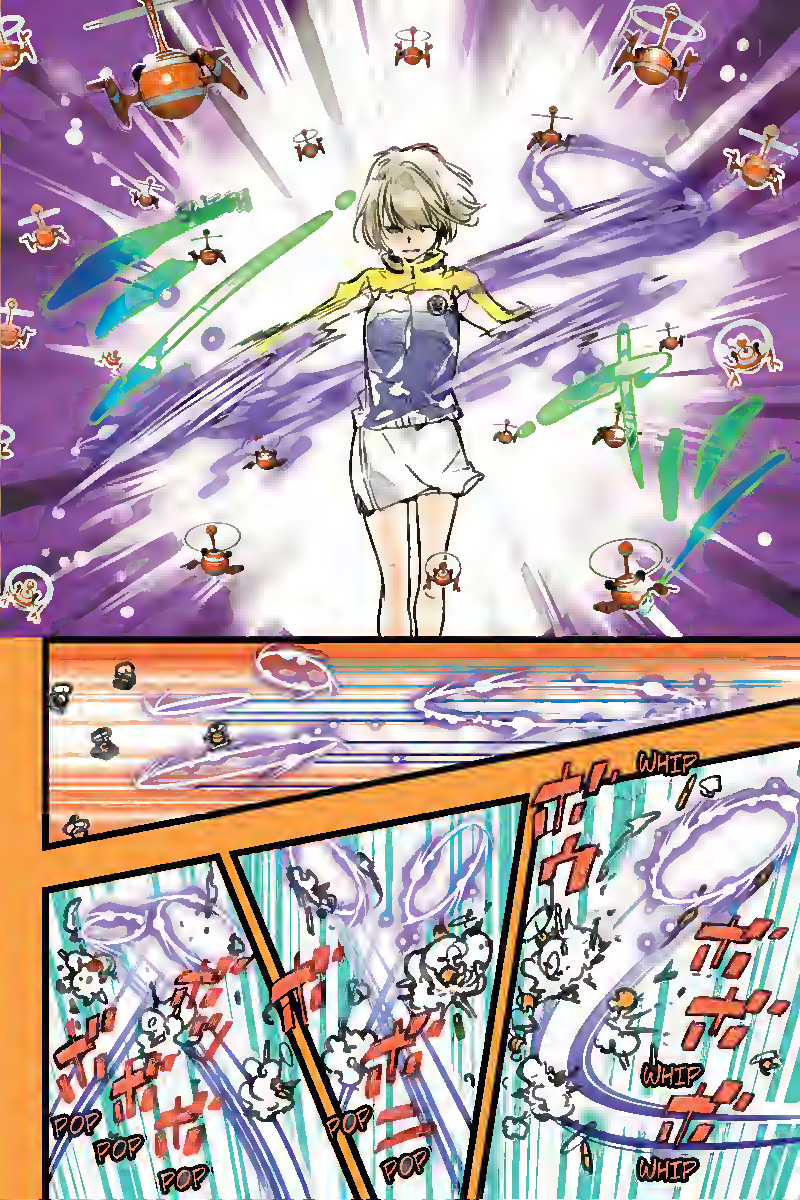

RUNNING STITCH, DREW!

HUH?!
SAY THAT FIRST!


MOOOOZ
ACK! WHAT ARE THESE LITTLE THINGS?!
THEY'RE LIKE FLIES, CHUTA.

DSSHT
FWOOSH
SYMPATHY.
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
HUH?!
LEVEL 20?!
I'D LIKE TO START WITH LEVEL 20, PLEASE.
NEXT IS OFFICER SONOKATA'S TURN-CHU.
Y-YOU GOT 'EM!
THAT WAS CLOSE.

BZZ
BZZ
BZZZZ
UWAH!
BZZZZ
KWEEN
KWEEN


WHIP
POP
POP
POP
POP
WHIP
WHIP

ZNANG
ZNANG
SWF
POP
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POP
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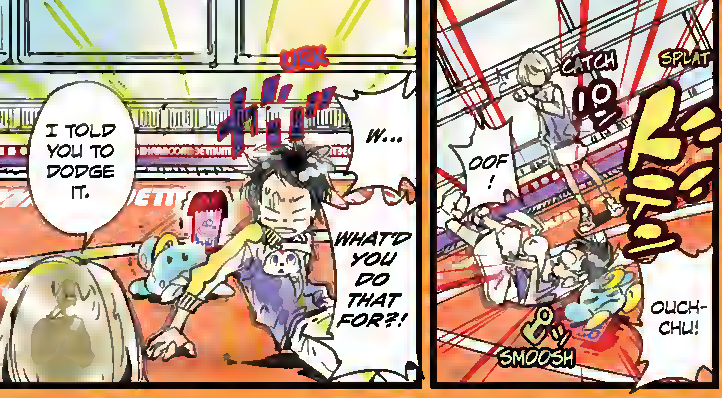
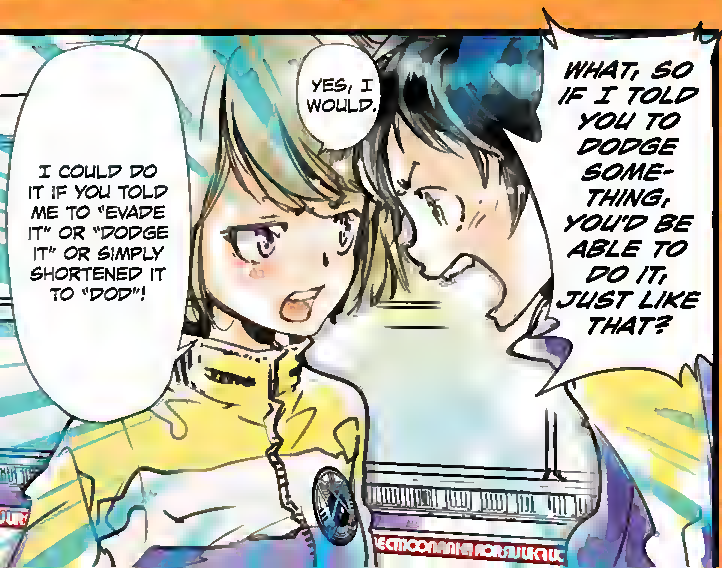
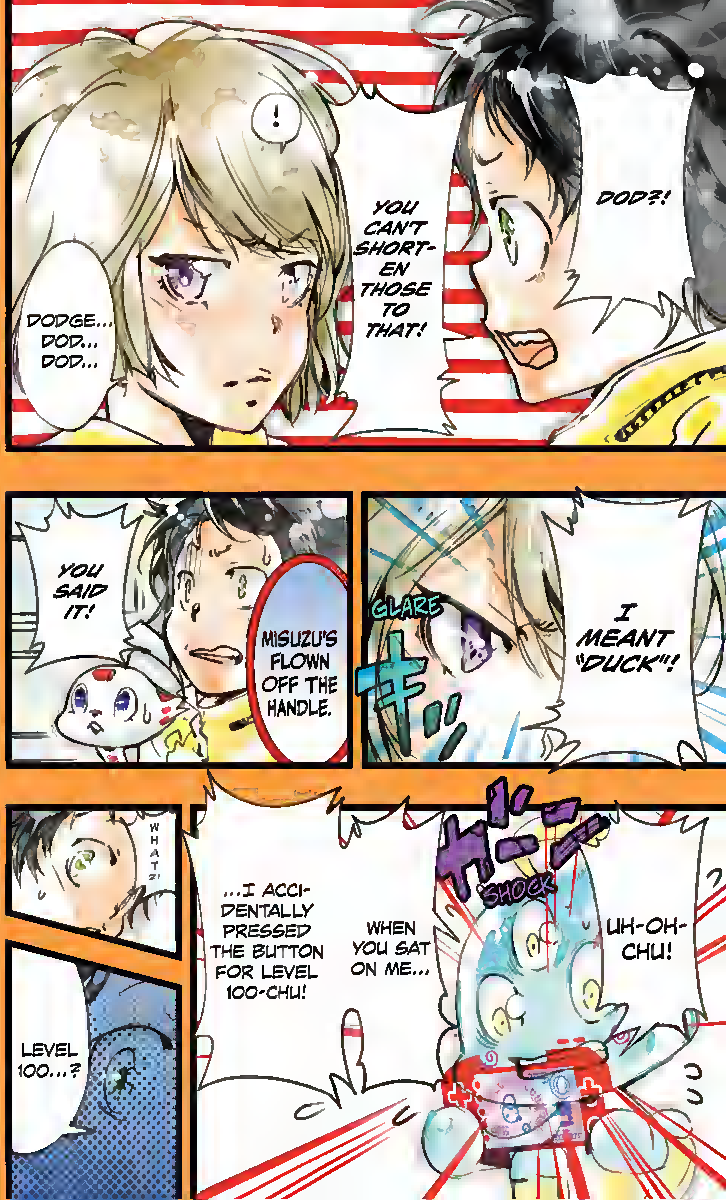
POP
POP
...
SHE DESTROYED THEM INSTANTLY.
I'M IM-PRESSED ... ALL OVER AGAIN.
JUST AS I'D EXPECT FROM MISUZU-CHU!

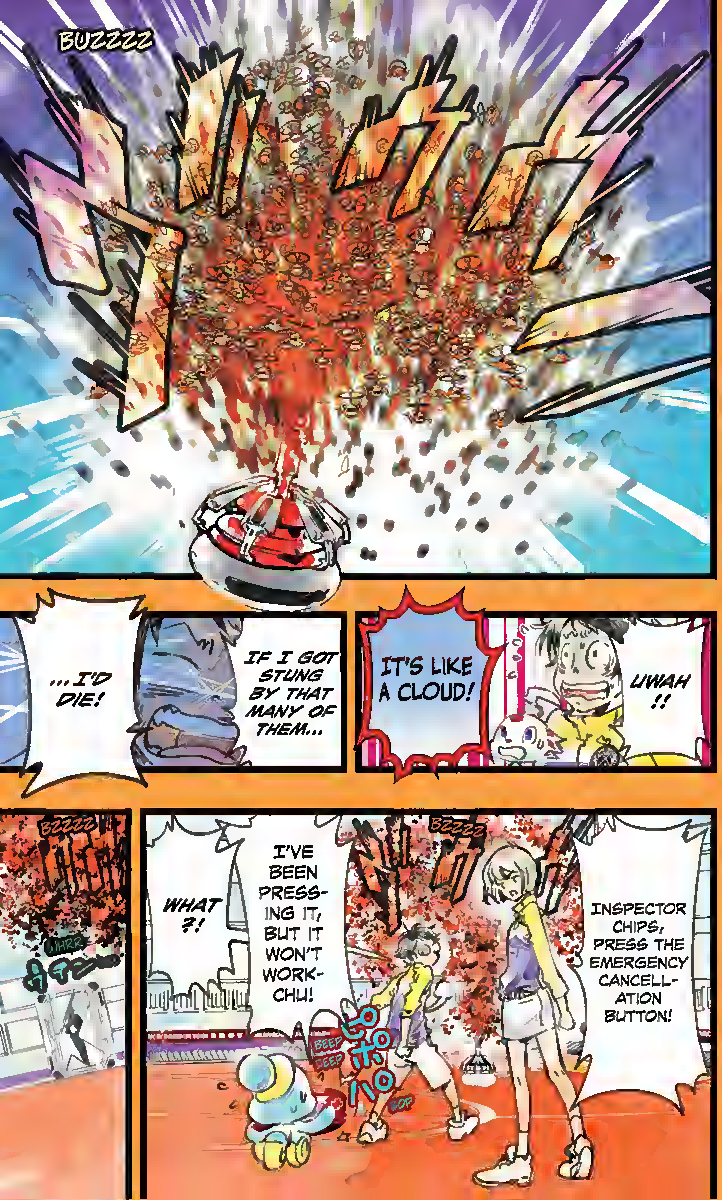
GUH!
AND THERE'S HER BAD PERSONALITY..
YOU HAVE TO AT LEAST BE ABLE TO DO THIS.
UNLIKE PROFESSOR ISAKU, WHO TAKES CARE OF THE STAFF'S HEALTH, AND TONTO, WHO RUNS THE SHIP, WE'RE PART OF THE INVESTIGATIONS DEPARTMENT THAT FIGHTS CRIMINALS ON THE FIELD.
PLEASE DODGE IT.
ZWOOM
UWAAH!
!!
CHUTA, BEHIND YOU!
HUH?
WHA?

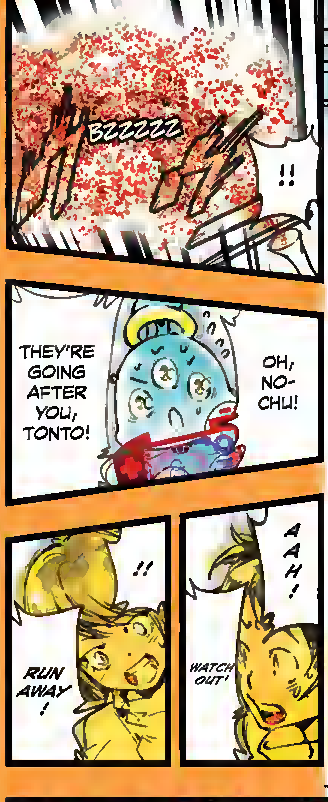

I TOLD YOU TO DODGE IT.
W...
WHAT'D YOU DO THAT FOR?!
CATCH
SPLAT
OOF!
OUCH-CHU!
SMOOSH

SHE DID THAT ON PURPOSE! LOOK AT THOSE BLOODTHIRSTY EYES!
GLARE
NOW I'M MAD!


I COULD DO IT IF YOU TOLD ME TO "EVADE IT" OR "DODGE IT" OR SIMPLY SHORTENED IT TO "DOD"!
YES, I WOULD.
WHAT, SO IF I TOLD YOU TO DODGE SOMETHING, YOU'D BE ABLE TO DO IT, JUST LIKE THAT?


!
DODGE... DOD... DOD...
YOU CAN'T SHORT-EN THOSE TO THAT!
DOD?!
YOU SAID IT!
MISUZU'S FLOWN OFF THE HANDLE.
GLARE
I MEANT "DUCK"!
WHAT?!
LEVEL 100...?
...I ACCI-DENTALLY PRESSED THE BUTTON FOR LEVEL 100-CHU!
WHEN YOU SAT ON ME...
SHOCK
UH-OH-CHU!

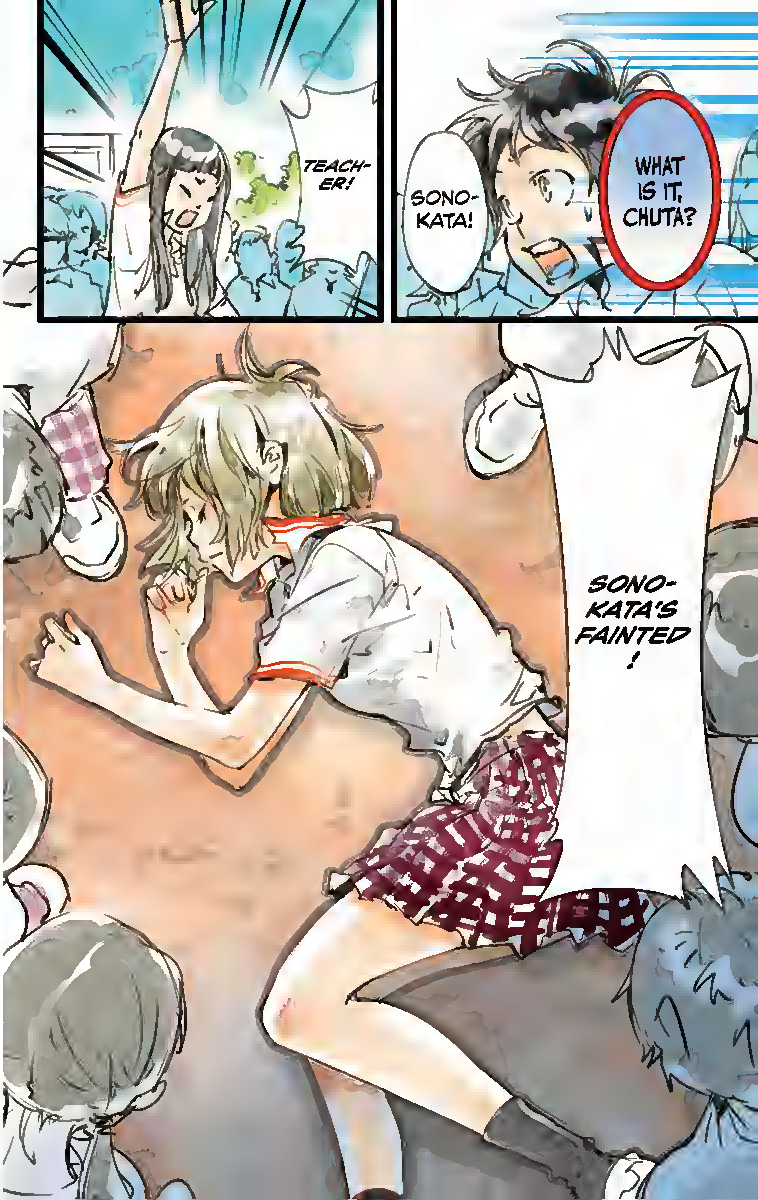

BUZZZZ
...I'D DIE!
IF I GOT STUNG BY THAT MANY OF THEM...
IT'S LIKE A CLOUD!
UWAH !!
BUZZZZ
OHHH
WHAT ?!
I'VE BEEN PRESSING IT, BUT IT WON'T WORK-CHU!
BUZZZZ
INSPECTOR CHIPS, PRESS THE EMERGENCY CANCELLATION BUTTON!
BEEP BEEP
NO NO !! NO

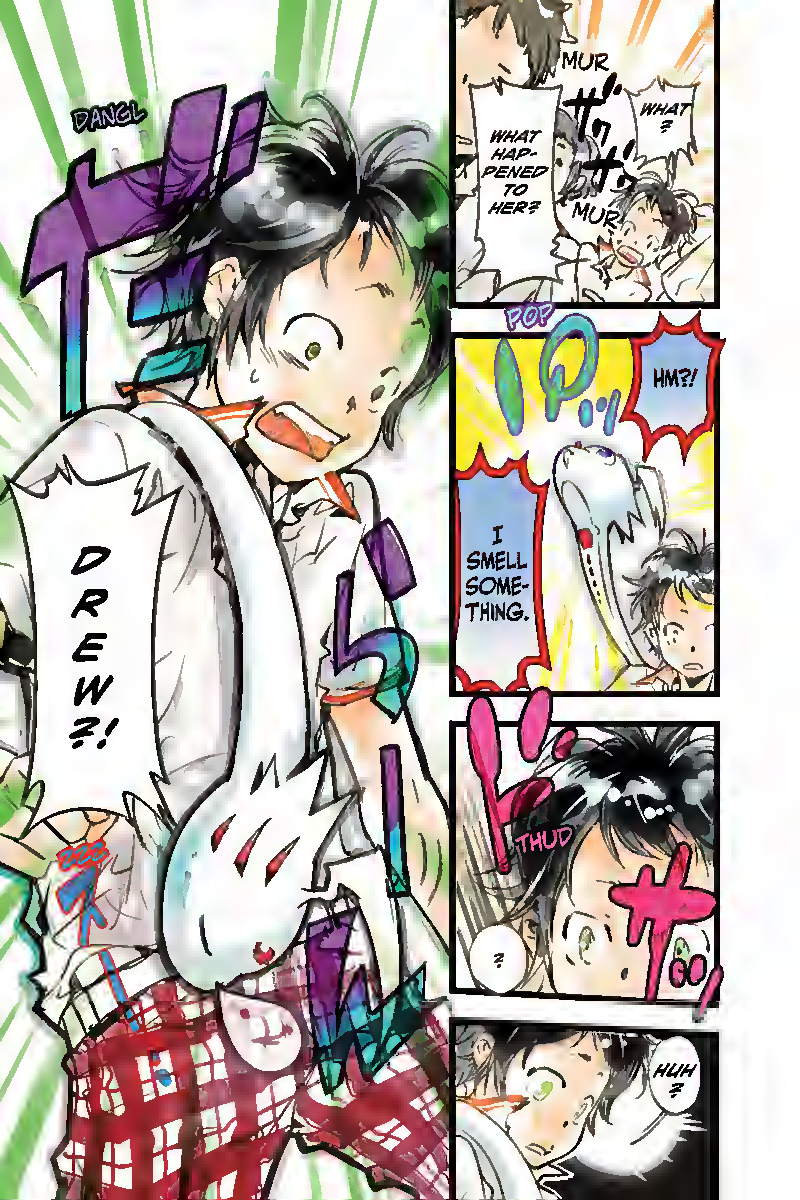

BUZZZZ
!!
THEY'RE GOING AFTER YOU, TONTO!
OH, NO-CHU!
!!
RUN AWAY!
AAH!
WATCH OUT!
AAH, THERE YOU ARE. ♪
I CAME WITH A NOTICE ABOUT THE NAVIGA-TION DEPART-MENT'S BUZZER.
BUZZZZZ
?
FLIES?

BUZZZZZ
MEOW ?!
GOT 'EM ALL. ♪
!!!
WHAT IS THIS? IT'S FUN!
HUH ?!
?!
SNAP
MEOW! ♪
MEOW! MEOW!
SNAP
MEOW, MEOW. ♪
SNAP

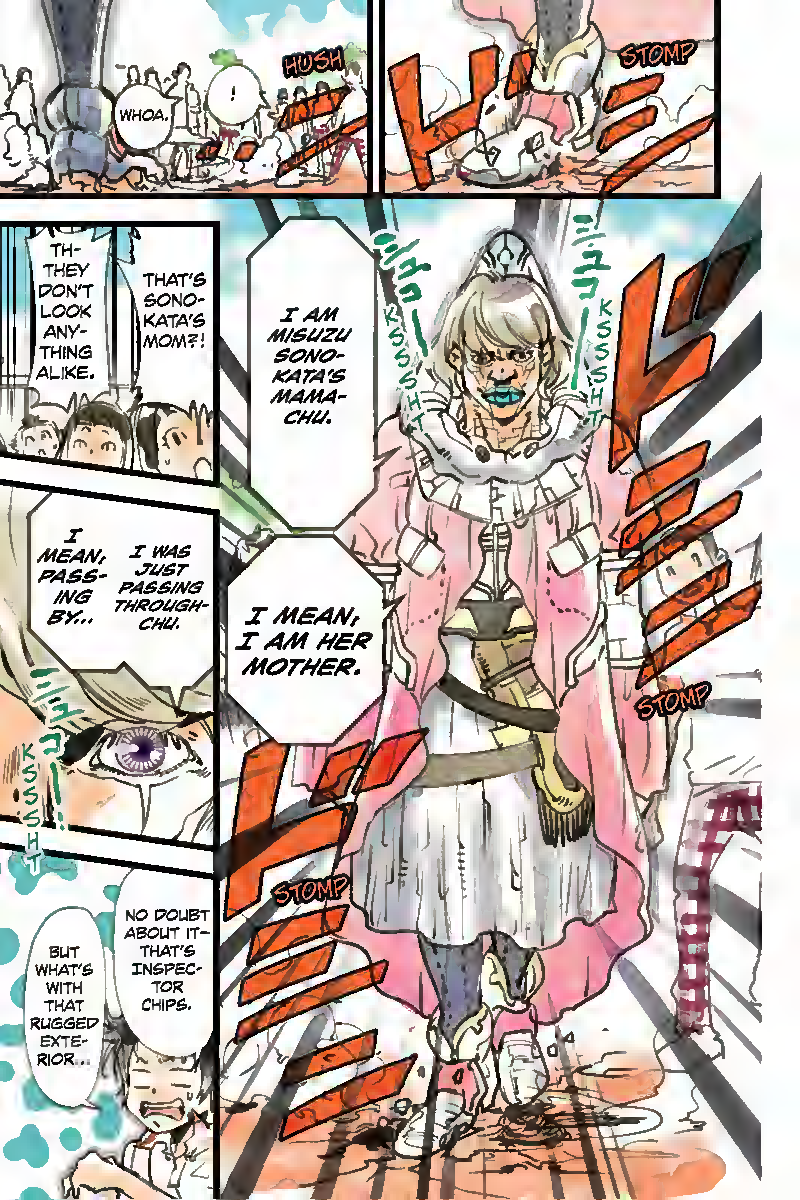
BUT WHEN IT COMES TO BATTING AT FLIES, THAT'S MY FORTE. ♡
I'M JUST A LI'L WEAKLING, SO I CAN'T GO OUT TO FIGHT.
LIH ...
...
...
!
TONTO IS WAY TOO AMAZING.
THERE'S ALL SORTS OF SPECIALTIES, I GUESS.
!!
SINCE WE FIGHT CRIMINALS ON THE FIELD, WE MEMBERS OF THE INVESTIGATIONS DEPARTMENT BETTER TRY HARDER!
SMIRK
WHAT ?!
I SHOULD HAVE NEVER GIVEN YOU THAT WARNING TO DODGE IT.
MURMUR

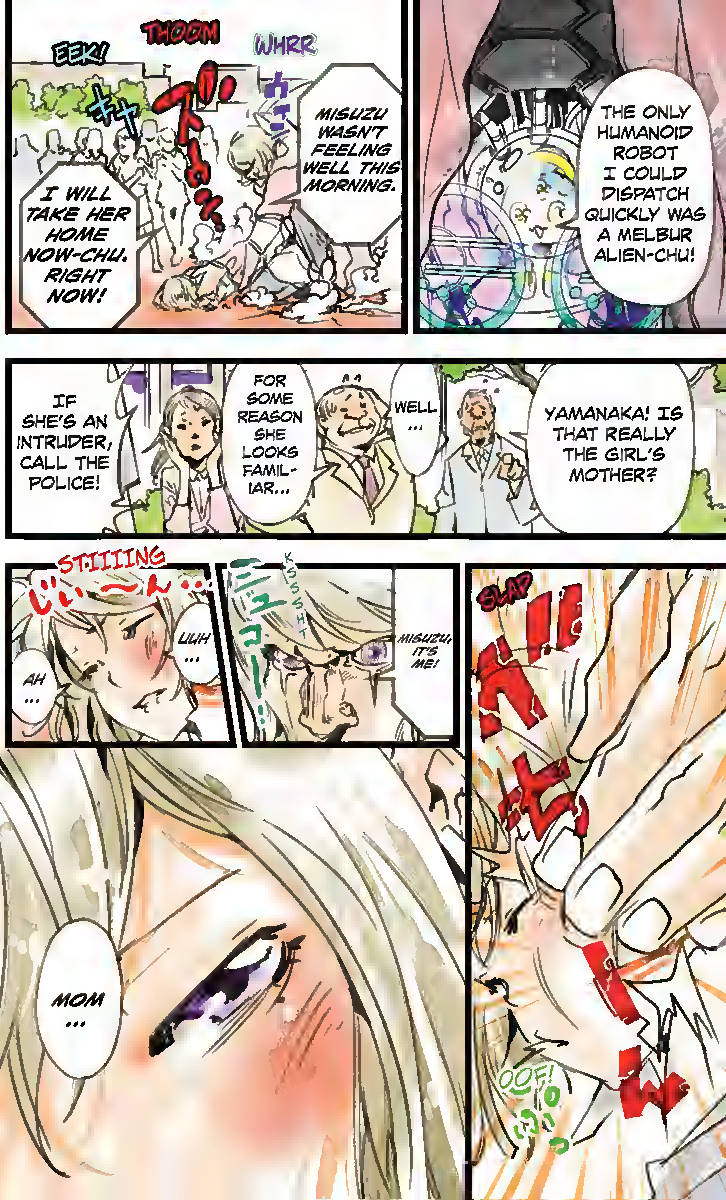
I FELT TOTALLY NUMB, IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE.
THAT WASN'T FUN IN THE LEAST.
WHAT?!
YOU'VE GOT GOOD HEARING.
I HEARD THAT!
YOU GET ALONG SO WELL...
WOBBLE
IF SHE AT LEAST HAD SOME KIND OF WEAKNESS, THEN I WOULDN'T HAVE TO FEEL SO...
STILL, SONOKATA REALLY DOESN'T HAVE A GREAT PERSONALITY.
HUH?

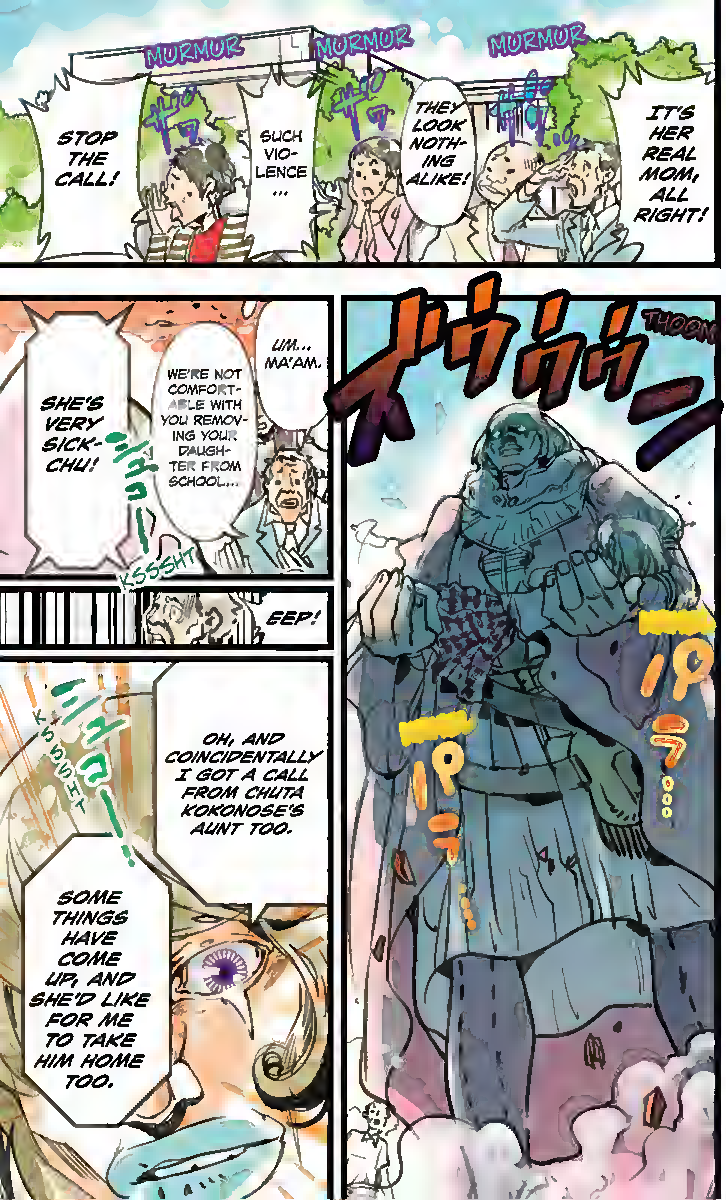

TEACH-ER!
SONO-KATA!
WHAT IS IT, CHUTA?
SONO-KATA'S FAINTED!

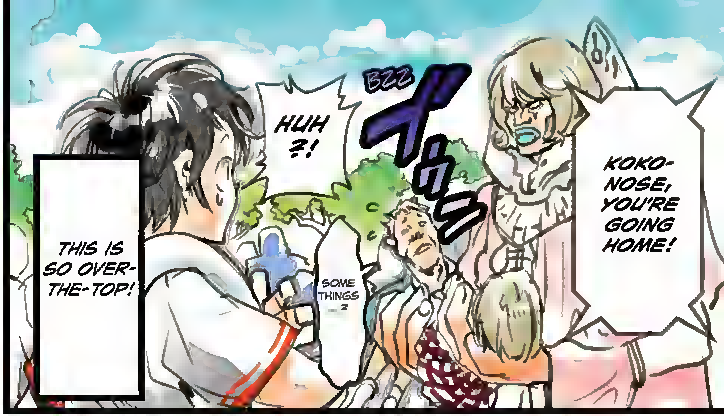

DANG!
DREW?!
MUR
WHAT HAPPENED TO HER?
WHAT?
MUR
POP
HM?!
I SMELL SOMETHING.
THUD
?
HUH?

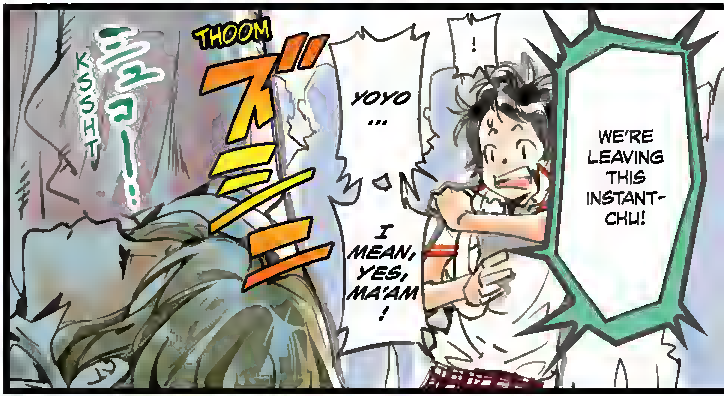
SOMEONE'S GOING TO NOTICE! WHAT DO I DO?
HE FELL ASLEEP IN HIS VISIBLE FORM!
JUST TALKING TO MYSELF LIKE ALWAYS!
UH!
BLOCK!
?
?
!!
BRRRRINGGGG
STICK
I FORGOT TO PUT ON MY HEADPHONE PATCH!
MY BADGE IS RINGING!
COLLECT US...?
WE WILL BE COMING TO COLLECT YOU NOW-CHU!
MISUZU'S AND DREW'S FAINTING SPELLS ARE A CODE RED EMERGENCY SITUATION-CHU!
THIS IS INSPECTOR CHIPS-CHU!


HUSH
WHOA.
!
STOMP
THEY DON'T LOOK ANYTHING ALIKE.
TH-
THAT'S SONO-KATA'S MOM?!
I AM MISUZU SONO-KATA'S MAMA-CHU.
KSSSHT
KSSSHT
I MEAN, PASSING BY...
I WAS JUST PASSING THROUGH-CHU.
I MEAN, I AM HER MOTHER.
KSSSHT
STOMP
STOMP
NO DOUBT ABOUT IT-THAT'S INSPECTOR CHIPS.
BUT WHAT'S WITH THAT RUGGED EXTERIOR...


EEK!
THOOM
WHRR
I WILL TAKE HER HOME NOW-CHU. RIGHT NOW!
MISUZU WASN'T FEELING WELL THIS MORNING.
THE ONLY HUMANOID ROBOT I COULD DISPATCH QUICKLY WAS A MELBUR ALIEN-CHU!
IF SHE'S AN INTRUDER, CALL THE POLICE!
FOR SOME REASON SHE LOOKS FAMIL-IAR...
WELL ...
YAMANAKA! IS THAT REALLY THE GIRL'S MOTHER?
STIIING
AH ...
LILIH ...
KNOCK
MISUZU, IT'S ME!
SLAP
OOF!
MOM ...


MURMUR
MURMUR
MURMUR
STOP THE CALL!
SUCH VIO-LENCE ...
THEY LOOK NOTH-ING ALIKE!
IT'S HER REAL MOM, ALL RIGHT!
SHE'S VERY SICK-CHU!
WE'RE NOT COMFORT-ABLE WITH YOU REMOV-ING YOUR DAUGH-TER FROM SCHOOL...
UM... MA'AM.
KSSSHT
EEP!
THOOM
OH, AND COINCIDENTALLY I GOT A CALL FROM CHUTA KOKONOSE'S AUNT TOO.
KSSSHT
SOME THINGS HAVE COME UP, AND SHE'D LIKE FOR ME TO TAKE HIM HOME TOO.


KOKO-NOSE, YOU'RE GOING HOME!
BZZ
HUH?!
SOME THINGS—?
THIS IS SO OVER-THE-TOP!


WE'RE LEAVING THIS INSTANT-CHU!
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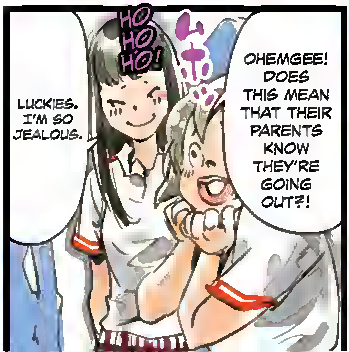
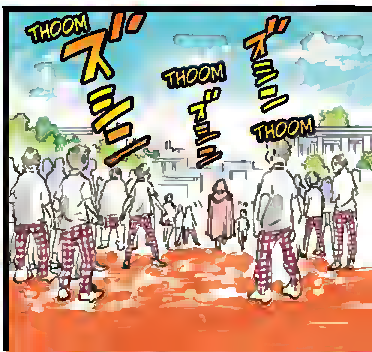
YOYO...
I MEAN, YES, MA'AM!
THOOM
ズミー
KUSHI
ミュコー!


OHEMGEE! DOES THIS MEAN THAT THEIR PARENTS KNOW THEY'RE GOING OUT?!
HO HO HO!
LUCKIES. I'M SO JEALOUS.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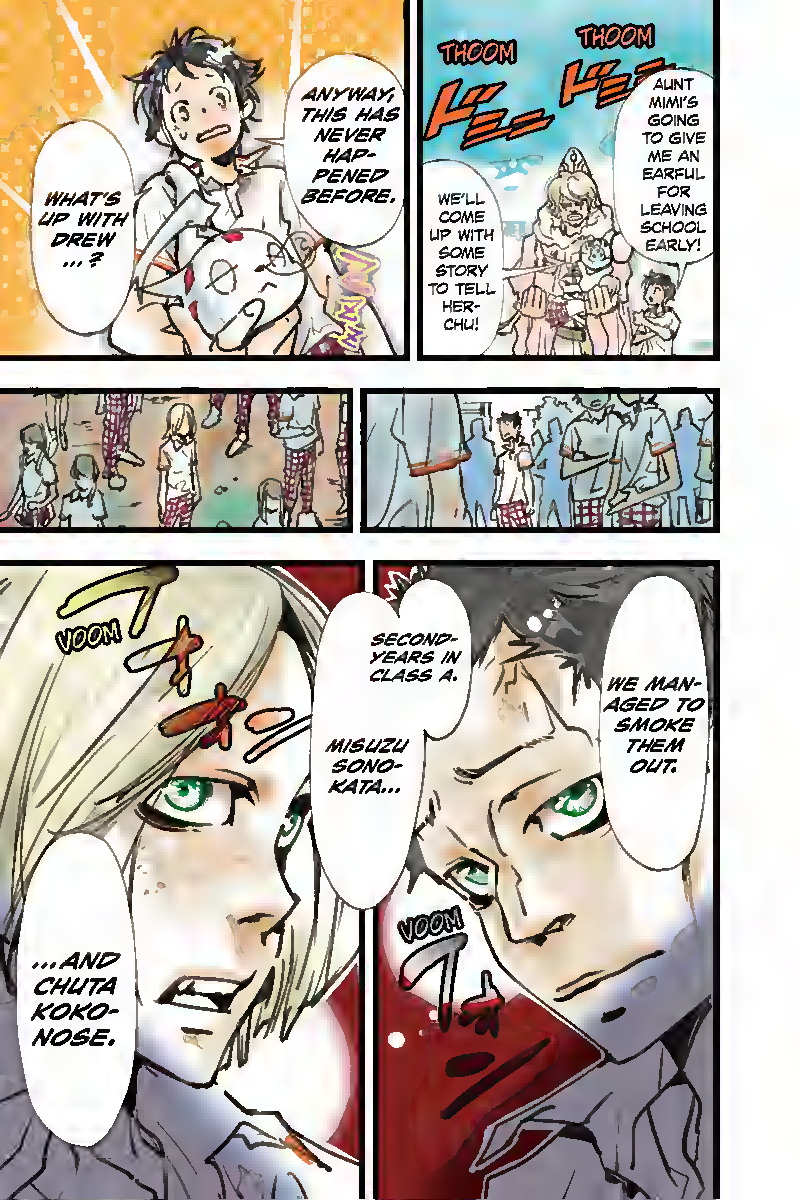
WHAT'S UP WITH DREW ...?
ANYWAY, THIS HAS NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE.
THOOM
THOOM
WE'LL COME UP WITH SOME STORY TO TELL HER-CHU!
AUNT MIMI'S GOING TO GIVE ME AN EARFUL FOR LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY!
VOOM
...AND CHUTA KOKONOSE.
SECOND-YEARS IN CLASS A.
MISUZU SONOKATA...
VOOM
WE MANAGED TO SMOKE THEM OUT.